

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A conduit having a substantially semi-circular outer cross-section comprising a base portion and a lid portion, the lid portion being attached to the base portion by a hinge and having a clip on the opposite side, wherein the hinge is located at an angular elevation from the base of between 10° and 35°, the base portion having a clip socket for retaining the clip, wherein the clip socket comprises an outer wall, which forms part of the semi-circular outer cross-section, and an inner wall, between which is defined a channel for the clip, the height of the inner wall above the bottom of the base portion being substantially the same as the height of the hinge above the bottom of the base portion.
2. (Original) A conduit according to claim 1, wherein on a cross-section of the conduit a line between the hinge and the top of the inner wall is within 5° of parallel with the base of the conduit.
3. (Original) A conduit according to either claim 1, wherein the hinge is located at an angular elevation from the base of between 20° and 25°.
4. (Original) A conduit according to claim 1, wherein the outer wall of the clip socket is shorter than the inner wall.
5. (Original) A conduit according to claim 4, wherein the outer wall has an angular elevation from the base which is at least 5° more than that of the inner wall.
6. (Original) A conduit according to claim 1, wherein the outer wall of the clip socket has a retaining lip thereon, which engages with a corresponding retaining groove in the clip.

7. (Original) A conduit according to claim 6, wherein the portion of the clip which extends beyond the retaining groove into the channel between the inner and outer walls of the clip socket extends a short distance beyond the retaining groove.

8. (Original) A conduit according to claim 7, wherein the short distance is an angular extension of no more than 10° from the centre of the retaining groove to the end of the clip.

9. (Original) A conduit according to claim 1, wherein a sealing gasket is provided on the clip or the clip socket.

10. (Original) A conduit according to claim 1, wherein a buffer ledge is provided in the base portion on the bottom wall and on or adjacent the wall to which the hinge is attached.

11. (New) A conduit having a substantially semi-circular outer cross-section comprising a base portion and a lid portion, the lid portion being attached to the base portion by a hinge and having a clip on the opposite side, wherein the hinge is located at an angular elevation from the base of between 10° and 35° , the base portion having a clip socket for retaining the clip, wherein the clip socket comprises an outer wall, which forms part of the semi-circular outer cross-section, and an inner wall, between which is defined a channel for the clip, the height of the inner wall above the bottom of the base portion being substantially the same as the height of the hinge above the bottom of the base portion, wherein the outer wall of the clip socket has a retaining lip thereon, which engages with a corresponding retaining groove in the clip, wherein the portion of the clip which extends beyond the retaining groove into the channel between the inner and outer walls of the clip socket extends a short distance beyond the retaining groove, wherein the short distance is an angular extension of no more than 10° from the centre of the retaining groove to the end of the clip.

12. (New) A conduit according to claim 11, wherein on a cross-section of the conduit a line between the hinge and the top of the inner wall is within 5° of parallel with the base of the conduit.
13. (New) A conduit according to either claim 11, wherein the hinge is located at an angular elevation from the base of between 20° and 25°.
14. (New) A conduit according to claim 11, wherein the outer wall of the clip socket is shorter than the inner wall.
15. (New) A conduit according to claim 14, wherein the outer wall has an angular elevation from the base which is at least 5° more than that of the inner wall.
16. (New) A conduit according to claim 11, wherein a sealing gasket is provided on the clip or the clip socket.
17. (New) A conduit according to claim 11, wherein a buffer ledge is provided in the base portion on the bottom wall and on or adjacent the wall to which the hinge is attached.